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PUBLIC INVITED TO TOUR GLACIAL LAKE MISSOULA

MISSOULA--

Get a close-up look at the geological wonder that was Glacial Lake Missoula during a field trip hosted by the Montana Natural History Center and U.S. Forest Service geologist Jim Shelden.

The bus tour runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, beginning at The Nature Center at Fort Missoula -- look for the bright yellow building. The cost is \$20 per person and reservations are required. Call 327-0405 before noon on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Field-trip participants should wear outdoor gear and bring a brown-bag lunch.

The trip starts with a look at The Nature Center's Glacial Lake Missoula exhibit and ice age floods videos, then travels to several locations for viewing of:

- Ancient lakeshore lines on Mount Sentinel and Mount Jumbo
- Giant ripple marks on the Missoula Valley floor
- Sedimentary layers in the Ninemile Valley.

These and other phenomenal features left by Glacial Lake Missoula may become part of an Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail if a National Park Service report currently before the U.S. Congress is approved. Missoula, along with locations in Idaho, Washington and Oregon, could become home to a cutting-edge interpretive center.

The Nature Center has been a key player in preparing the NPS report and planning for an

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interpretive center. In affiliation with The University of Montana, it offers day camps and other programs for children, families and nature enthusiasts of all ages. For more information, visit www.TheNatureCenter.org.

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